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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is disclosed to aid the Examiner in his/her examination of the application. A copy of each reference is enclosed. The inclusion of information in this Disclosure Statement and as set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 is not necessarily a concession that such information is prior art to the present invention or that such information is in an art area analogous to the present invention.

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the enclosed PTO-1449 form at the indicated location. It is also requested that Applicant be provided with a copy of the initialed PTO-1449 form for his/her records.

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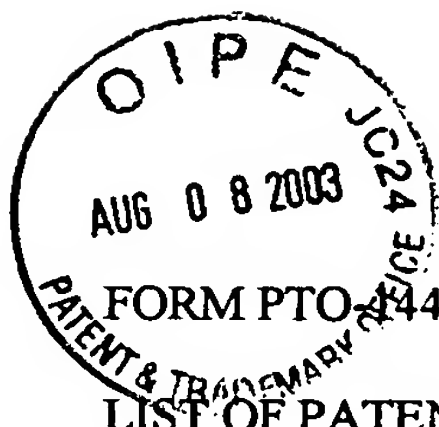
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